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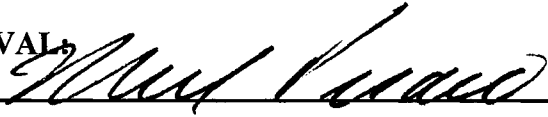
DATE: November 4, 2004

TO: Administrative Committee Members
Regional Council Members

FROM: Nancy Pfeffer, Sr. Regional Planner, 213-236-1869, pfeffer@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Approve Letter of Support for Caltrans Application

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:


Approve SCAG letter of support for County Transportation Commissions' application for State Planning & Research funding under Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning for FY 04-05.

BACKGROUND:

Recognizing the goods movement challenges facing the region, the five County Transportation Commissions in the SCAG region (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura), SCAG, and the four Caltrans districts (7, 8, 11, and 12) are collaborating on a 2-year project to develop a consensus strategy and implementation plan for the Southern California goods movement system. The mission of this Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan is to partner with the private sector in the development of a strategy and implementation plan for an improved regional goods movement system.

The agencies are committing approximately \$1 million in pooled funds to this Action Plan. To supplement this funding and to address the integrally related issue of environmental justice, the CTCs are applying to Caltrans for State Planning & Research funding in the amount of \$250,000 for the current fiscal year. The attached letter expresses SCAG's support of this grant application and our willingness to continue to work with the counties on this critical effort.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approving this letter of support will have no fiscal impact on SCAG. 

November 4, 2004

Mr. Fernando Castro
Caltrans District 7
120 S. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3606

Subject: Letter of Support for Environmental Justice Grant Application

Dear Mr. Castro:

The Southern California Association of Governments is pleased to be partnering with the five County Transportation Commissions in the SCAG region (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura) and the four Caltrans districts (7, 8, 11, and 12) on the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan. The goal of this plan is to develop a consensus strategy and implementation plan for the Southern California goods movement system.

As you are aware, goods movement impacts can be particularly acute in some minority and low-income areas. The project partners are applying for Caltrans' environmental justice grant funding in order to ensure that the development of a regional consensus on goods movement takes into account the concerns of these locally impacted communities.

The public participation envisioned for the Multi-County Action Plan will be greatly strengthened with resources that will allow the transportation agencies to engage in a dialogue with specific affected communities. SCAG is therefore pleased to express its support for the grant application.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Pfeffer at 213-236-1869.

Sincerely,

RON ROBERTS
President, SCAG
Councilmember, City of Temecula

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